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## TO BRING PRESSURE ON RAILROAD EXECUTIVES

Harding Will Attempt To Break Their Opposition To Strike Settlement Plan As Proposed By Him

MAY THREATEN TO TAKE OVER ROADS

Attorney General Daugherty Said to Hold That Ample Authority Exists If President Decides It is Necessary

Washington, July 31.—President Harding is preparing to exert executive pressure to break the opposition to his compromise proposal for ending the strike of railway shopmen manifested by the heads of certain large Eastern roads.

This opposition has become formidable, and already has caused a loss of a degree of the optimism of the President and his advisors when the plan was perfected after a series of conferences with the leaders of both sides.

The opponents of any compromise, such as L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson; Whiteford Cole, president of the Louisville, Nashville and Chattanooga, and certain others are using all their influence to swing other executives into line against acceptance, particularly of the proposal to restore seniority rights to the strikers when they return to work.

It is a foregone conclusion that the workers will accept the proposal. Bert M. Jewell, national director of the strike, and William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, the two really powerful leaders of the strikers, have strongly intimated that the compromise is acceptable and have so assured President Harding.

No definite information concerning the means to be employed by the President to bring the necessary pressure to bear on the railway executives to force acceptance of the plan is obtainable. It is understood that if it becomes apparent that Loree and other opponents are mustering sufficient strength to jeopardize a favorable vote at the meeting of railway executives to be held in New York Tuesday, Mr. Harding will send a personal emissary to the meeting and demand that the managers accept the plan.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover has been selected as the emissary in the event that it thought necessary to send a representative of the Administration, according to information obtained from an authoritative source last night.

Mr. Hoover has devoted most of his attention to the coal crisis, but as the strikers are interlocking in that the settlement of one is essential to the amelioration of the other he has kept in close touch with all phases of both.

President Harding some time ago reached the conclusion that the railway strike is the "key" to the industrial chaos threatening as the result of the twin coal and rail strikes. He believes that if he can effect a settlement of the rail controversy the national plan of coal distribution and conservation worked out by Mr. Hoover will permit more extended efforts to work out a peace plan that will eliminate an immediate recurrence of a strike of coal miners.

In bringing the coal operators into line with the Hoover plan the threat of Governmental regulation through emergency powers of a car placement movement was eminently successful. President Harding has expressed the belief, and it is understood to have received a formal opinion from Attorney General Daugherty, that he has the authority to take over and operate the railroads of the country in an emergency.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has declared the existence of such an emergency and it would only be a step from the present partial control by the commission to the same absolute control exercised during the war if the President should decide that it was necessary to the well-being of the public. In the latter event

### Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. Alma Gibson, wife of J. N. Gibson, of 113 Harvard street, died Saturday afternoon at Providence Hospital, Washington. The deceased is survived by her husband. The body was taken to Wheatley's mortuary chapel and shipped yesterday to Trevillian, Va. for burial.

Funeral services for George T. Hughes, who died Friday at his home at Braddock, were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Lewis' Chapel, Fairfax county, and conducted by Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester, pastor of the M. E. Church South, his city. The interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

It is now possible to journey by rail from Perth, western Australia, to Brisbane, Queensland, a distance of 3,895 miles.

### Bible Thought for Today

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16: 32.

### Strike Settlement

Reported Agreed on

Chicago, July 31.—Peace terms already have been agreed to in the country-wide railway strike and formal ratification has been assured through President Harding's efforts, it was asserted last night by a man in close official touch with the situation.

All that now remains before the strike, which has cost the workers upward of \$40,000,000 in wages, passes into history, it was asserted, was the formal indorsement of the terms of settlement by the Railway executives' meeting in New York and the strike leaders, who will convene in Chicago at the same hour tomorrow.

## OHIO IS ALREADY GROOMING TWO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Cincinnati, July 31.—Ohio again is playing Presidential politics. This State is making a bid once more, not only for the Republican candidate in 1924, but for the Democratic candidate as well.

Where is the prophet contemplating the possibilities of the primary August 8th and the general election on November who cannot foresee a situation in which the two foremost contenders in 1924 will wear the Ohio brand as they did in 1920?

Here are a few pertinent facts about the business: President Harding will be nominated to succeed himself if he desires a second term. Not even so powerful and resourceful a leader as Theodore Roosevelt was able to deny a Republican President a second nomination. Ohio, therefore, will score heavily on the Republican side.

The Democratic party in the nation at the moment is without a "white hope." A new leader is in demand. But where is that leader to originate? Ohioans answer without a moment's hesitation that he will be produced by Ohio.

Senator Atlee Pomerene, Democrat, is a candidate for a third term at the hands of his Ohio constituency. He will be renominated without serious opposition. If he wins in November, overturning a majority of more than 400,000 which Ohio gave Mr. Harding in 1920, Senator Pomerene is certain to become a potential Presidential candidate in 1924.

Every Democratic leader in Ohio understands this, from James M. Cox down to the precinct worker. Every Ohio Republican, from the President to the ward boss, understands it, and a titanic struggle will be staged in this State in November to elect Senator Pomerene and, in electing him, to

deal a staggering blow at the Harding Administration.

Although the ascendancy of Mr. Pomerene under such circumstances would destroy the hope of Governor Cox for a second nomination, the Cox followers here are loyal to the Senator. They are furnishing him with about all the organization he has in the State. They are helping him financially, and Mr. Cox himself is expected to return from Europe in time to take the stump in behalf of his friendly rival this fall.

Against this line-up the Republican forces will throw all the resources at their command. State and national. First of all they will nominate a candidate against Senator Pomerene a week from Tuesday, and there seems little doubt now that Representative Simeon E. Fess will win. After the nomination is made the most interesting and perhaps the most important State campaign in the country will be launched.

Nor is Senator Pomerene merely a Democratic Presidential possibility. He is also the one outstanding figure of national caliber around whom the anti-prohibitionists gravitate at the moment. His candidacy has raised the wet and dry issue in acute form and if he and Mr. Fess head opposing tickets after August 8th, prohibition promises to play as vital a part in the outcome of the November contest as the question of repudiating the Administration itself.

The Senator is an avowed liberal in the matter of prohibition. He voted against the Eighteenth Amendment, although he voted for the Volstead act. Mr. Fess is 100 per cent dry, having swallowed whole the dry formula, and he is appealing openly to the dry vote first to nominate and thereafter to

## PLAYGROUND PARTY TONIGHT

All is Ready For Playground Festival at Union Station

Citizens Are Urged To Attend For Various Reasons—Young People After Building of Tennis Courts.

The stage is all set for one of the finest lawn parties which has ever been held in Alexandria. This party is to be given on the grounds adjacent to Union Station for the benefit of the Alexandria Playground Association and many novel features have been planned for the program. The Citizens' Band is to give a concert and there is to be a fortune teller in addition to the regular features of an occasion like this. No tickets have been sold and the committees in charge are relying solely upon the attendance to determine whether or not Alexandria is to have this new playground which is so badly needed.

A company of young people who are interested in the building of tennis courts in some convenient place, it is understood, will visit the grounds and see what may be done in this direction.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend tonight and help to further the work already started by the Playground Association. Festivities will begin promptly at 8 o'clock near the big Chamber of Commerce sign just east of Union Station.

Anyone wishing to make donations of ice cream, cake, candy, etc., should get in communication with Mrs. T. Clifton Howard or Miss Helen Norris Cummings.

The following persons will assist in the serving at the party in addition to those already named: Mrs. C. L. King and Mrs. Denims, ice cream; Mrs. W. H. Thomas, garbages; Mrs. Grace Bernard, hot dog table.

## WASHINGTON DAY BY DAY

Washington, July 31.—Politics will begin to sizzle along with the weather during the month of August as ten Senatorial primaries are to be held during the month, several of them having developed contests of great interest and involving men of national prominence. Bonus, prohibition, radical government, Ku Klux Klan, Wilsonism and other important issues are to be decided by the voters of these ten states after campaigns which in some instances have been running at full speed for as long as three months.

Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia have their primaries on August 1; Ohio, August 8; Mississippi, August 15; Wyoming, August 22; Texas, August 26 and California and Montana, August 29.

Senator James A. Reed's spectacular fight in Missouri against Breckinridge Long, a former assistant Secretary of State, for the Democratic nomination has attracted nationwide attention. Starting with the odds strongly against him and with just about every political organization in the state seeking his downfall, Reed has made his eloquent appeal for renomination in every community of the state. Single handed he has taken on the Democratic organization, the Wilson followers, the Anti-Saloon League, the organized women and others. The fight against him has seemed at times to be almost overwhelming yet the tremendous power of his personality has carried him along to the point where the supporters of Breckinridge Long are unwilling to give odds that their candidate will win.

Woodrow Wilson has written two letters strongly opposing Reed's nomination; the Anti-Saloon League, because Reed is an avowed wet, has sent the cream of its organization into the state to oppose him; the organized women are working against him because he has opposed some of

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## EXPECT LARGE VOTE WILL BE POLLED HERE

There Are 4607 Qualified Voters in The City

EXPECT 3000 HERE

Friends of Senator Swanson Predict He Will Carry City by a Handsome Majority.

Everything is in readiness for tomorrow's primary when a United States Senator will be chosen. Senator Claude A. Swanson will be opposed by Westmoreland Davis, the latter former governor of Virginia. The polls will open at 5:00 a. m., and close at 7:13 p. m.

Is keen and indications are that a large vote will be polled. There are 4607 persons qualified to vote in tomorrow's primary. It is expected that the total vote which will be polled here will be 2,500 and 3,000. Friends of Senator Swanson predict that he will carry the city by a handsome majority, and today they were in receipt of telegrams from various sections of the state which indicated that Senator Swanson will carry the state by a handsome majority. Practically all of the adjoining counties in this section will give Senator Swanson handsome majorities according to reports received here up to noon today.

The voting places in the four wards will be as follows: First ward, Armory Hall, South Royal street, between Prince and Duke streets; second ward, 11 North Royal street; third ward, Odd Fellows' Hall, Columbus between Cameron and Queen streets; fourth ward, Friendship engine house, between King and Prince streets.

## EARLY VICTORY IS PREDICTED

P. J. Conlon Addresses Mass Meeting of Strikers at Ingomar Theatre

Two Vitally Important Meetings to be Held Tomorrow Will Decide The Issue.

Probably by Wednesday of this week the men will know whether or not they will go back to work on Thursday said P. J. Conlon, general representative of the railway employees' association, addressing a mass meeting under the auspices of the railway strikers held yesterday afternoon in the Ingomar theatre.

Some of the questions at issue have been somewhat garbled by the press, especially that in reference to the seniority proposition said Mr. Conlon. On Tuesday he said two important conferences will be held, one in New York and one in Chicago. The solidarity of the 400,000 men and the way they have stuck together was referred to by the speaker, who said they have sacrificed everything for their cause which they know is a just one. He said the men would have to make the roads think before they will start another strike. Mr. Conlon said the Southern Railway officials have been decent. When the strike came he said the Baltimore and Ohio wanted a separate adjustment and its only object was to break the organization into small parts which he said spelled disaster. One national board he declared was sufficient to make rules for all.

The loyalty of the merchants of the city to the men was referred to by Mr. Conlon who praised them and also the local press for being fair.

Rev. Robert E. McKay, pastor of the Del Ray Baptist Church, said one flag means liberty and righteousness and right he declared was never defeated although it may appear to be. "We are working under a constitution that gives us a right to fight for justice," said the speaker. He urged that during the next few days the men on a strike pray.

An early victory for the men was predicted by Rev. Robert Browne, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church. The speaker said that the heroes of this strike are the women and children. The speaker scored President Atterbury. He urged the men not to be quitters and to be true to their leaders who he said are men who will not sell them out.

Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, said he was glad to learn that the strike never desisted. The speaker congratulated the men on their splendid order maintained during the strike and said he understood that the Southern Railway Company was willing to take back its men on the old basis. Rev.

## STONED MOTOR BUS AND FINED \$30 IN COURT

Paul Klasson Tells Court He Was Excited at The Time

OMITS JAIL SENTENCE

Case Heard in Police Court This Morning Before Justice F. G. Duvall.

A man giving the name of Paul Klasson, Takoma Park, Md., arrested yesterday afternoon by Policemen Rodgers and Magner, charged with stoning a bus of the Alexandria Motor Bus Line while the bus was near Braddock, was in the police court today fined a total of \$30 and \$1 costs by Justice Duvall who imposed a jail sentence of thirty days but suspended the sentence. Of the foregoing fine the court announced \$10 each was for the following offenses: Abusive language, stoning the bus and being intoxicated.

According to Herbert Blunt, driver of the bus, Klasson and his wife and child boarded the bus yesterday afternoon in Washington and Klasson finally got off at Hume, leaving his wife and child in the bus. He got into a passing automobile and overtook the bus at Braddock and endeavored to pick a quarrel with him he claimed. Finally he said some of the passengers ejected Klasson from the bus. Blunt said Klasson appeared to be under the influence of liquor. Klasson said he hurled rocks because he was excited and did not know what he was doing.

### M. P. PITTS INJURED

Sustains Concussion of Brain in Fall Down Cellar Steps

While descending the cellar stairs in his home, 709 North Payne street, yesterday morning carrying in his arms his infant child, Melvin P. Pitts fell and suffered a severe concussion of the brain and remains in a semi-conscious state today. He was attended by Dr. Llewellyn Powell, who is uncertain as to the seriousness of the injuries sustained. Facts concerning the fall are somewhat hazy. It seems that he started into the cellar on an errand, carrying his baby in his arms. The fall came from some reason unknown and his head hit upon some projection, rendering him unconscious. In the fall, however, the child escaped all injury, having fallen on top of Mr. Pitts. It is supposed that when he saw that he was going to fall he threw himself so that the child would fall upon him.

Mr. Pitts is employed in the general office of the Fruit Growers Express Company in this city, and is a prominent member of the First Baptist Church. His many friends learn with regret of the accident and hope for him and speedy recovery.

## VIRGINIA NEWS AT CAPITAL

By George H. Manning (Special Correspondent.)

Washington, July 31.—The geographical center of Virginia is located 11 miles east-southeast of Amherst in Appomattox county, the U. S. Geological Survey finds, following its survey to determine the center of each state in the Union.

Boston, often referred to as "the hub of the universe," is not near the center of even the state of which it is the capital. The "hub" in that instance is merely the idea of the Massachusetts people that Boston is the intellectual center of refinement of the world.

Washington, the center of governmental activity in the United States is more than 1,000 miles from the geographical center of the United States (Continued on Page Three)

Mr. Carpenter said the ministers are interested because they want to see the men well, happy and contented.

H. F. Chichester, president of the local crafts, said that when the railroad executives endeavored to down labor they opened their treasury wide. He told of the conference lasting thirty-six days which depleted the railroad employee's treasury and of the shopmen saying they would rather starve on the streets than on the company's property. On behalf of the men Mr. Chichester expressed thanks to the merchants, ministers and others of the city who had come to the aid of the men. He referred to the fact that when there is something needed as a rule the first man to give aid is the railroad man who wears the overalls.

The meeting was opened with invocation by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church and closed with benediction by Rev. Robert E. McKay, pastor of the Del Ray Baptist Church.

## Fanatic Slashes a Cross on Breast As Mass Is Sung

Wields Big Knife As He Approaches Priest In Fashionable St. Patrick's Cathedral—Clergyman Calmly Goes On With Service

New York, July 31.—The calm of St. Patrick's Cathedral was broken yesterday morning by a religious fanatic with drawn knife. Fifteen hundred worshippers sat in dumb horror as they saw him slash a deep cross on his bare breast and mount the altar steps toward the Rev. Father Patrick Daly, the dripping blade held high.

The man placed his hand upon a page of the open mass book beside the priest, leaving there a bloody imprint. Father Daly, serving the altar with his back to the congregation, had not seen him approach. He heard a step and turned to look the mad man squarely in the eye. Instantly he recognized his danger.

"Go down on your knees!" commanded the priest.

For a moment the intruder wavered.

## COAL DICTATOR ROLE ASSUMED

Administration Will Pass Fuel on to States For Distribution

H. B. Spencer and His Committee Take Charge Today—Production Shows Slight Increase.

Washington, July 31.—The Government, with the co-operation of the States, assumed today the duties of a gigantic middleman, passing on the coal from the producing mines to the industries and localities which, in the eyes of the Government, need it most. The organization of the Government's emergency coal distribution agency was pronounced last night to be nearly complete, and Henry B. Spencer, the Federal Fuel Distributor, his committee and advisor subcommittee, as designated by order of President Harding, will begin active functioning today.

Just how much coal the Government can count on remains a matter of speculation. The first test of the response to President Harding's invitation to the mine owners to open their properties was revealed yesterday in the weekly report issued by the Geological Survey, which showed an estimated production of bituminous for the week ending Saturday of 3,900,000 tons, as compared with 3,700,000 tons the week previous.

"The increase is due," the report said, "partly to more men at work in Pennsylvania, partly to improved car supply in Southern West Virginia, and partly to heavier shipments from Alabama and the Far West. Production of anthracite remains practically zero."

Bituminous loadings on the first day of last week went up to 13,083 cars, figures assembled by the survey showed. This was 417 cars above the loadings for the preceding Monday, but 3,664 cars below the last Monday before the shopmen's strike. Loadings last Tuesday and Wednesday declined, but a slight recovery was made Thursday. Reports for the last two days of the week have not been finally compiled.

"There is no indication of increased production in response to the invitation to reopen mines in any of the strongly organized districts," the Geological Survey commented. "More coal is coming out of the former non-union fields of Pennsylvania and a little more from the Fairmont and Kanawha districts of West Virginia, but the additional supply from these sources is not yet significant in comparison with the requirements of the country."

## CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMP OPENS AT CAMP HUMPHREYS

The Engineer Citizens' Military Training Camp opened at Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va., on Thursday, July 27th, with an attendance of 175. The Citizens' Military Training Camp, an important link in our National Defense preparations has drawn men from the entire Third Corps Area, which consists of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

These men deserve much credit for their patriotism in giving a month of their time to the Government without pecuniary compensation. It is spirit such as this that keeps up the high standard of our nation.

The students have an interesting schedule planned for them. They are divided into three groups: The Blues, who are qualifying for commissions in the Organized Reserves; the Whites, who are training for non-commissioned warrants in the same organization, and the Reds, who will constitute the privates in the Reserves. Among the military subjects that will

be covered are Infantry drill, bridge building, demolition, knots and lashings, bayonet work, field fortifications, and rifle practice. A large part of the time will be devoted to athletic work, including calisthenics, wrestling, boxing, personal contact encounters, swimming, rowing, baseball, track and field work. Each of the two Companies has organized a band and will furnish music for the dances.

For more than two years Gabriel had attended mass at the cathedral. Although his religious fervor was at times unusual, he was not considered dangerous. He was in his customary seat for 10 o'clock mass yesterday morning. He sat quietly until Father Daly arrived at the consecration of the Host near the end of the mass. Then he removed his coat, flung it aside and walked forward to the altar. For a moment he knelt there. Suddenly he arose, tore open his shirt and drew forth a knife with a long curving blade. The knife flashed twice against the naked flesh, describing a cross.

"I cannot say that the man intended violence, but when he approached me," said Father Daly later. "I spoke soothingly to him and told him to kneel until mass was over. He was seized from behind and went quietly enough."

"I want to give my blood to Christ," mumbled Gabriel in broken English as he calmly submitted to arrest. Father Daly continued calmly with the mass as Gabriel was being hurried out of the Cathedral.

### Writ For Jewell Is Given Reporter

Deputy Marshal Waiting Outside White House, Picks Wrong Man.

Washington, July 31.—A deputy marshal, armed with a subpoena for B. M. Jewell, head of the shopmen, in one of the numerous court orders, went after his man at the White House Saturday, but failed to get him.

While Jewell was with the President the deputy, confiding his business to a friendly policeman, was promised a high sign as Jewell was on his way out. But as he started to leave a whole brigade of reporters made a rush for him and the cop's high sign was crossed as it reached the deputy.

"There he goes," somebody asserted, and the deputy made a dive landing on a reporter, who denied that he was the man to be served.

"Well, take it, anyway," said the deputy, "for I'm through."

### Indorses Senator Swanson

The Terminal Federation of Labor has unanimously indorsed Senator Claude A. Swanson for renomination for the United States Senate. Practically every labor organization in the state has indorsed Senator Swanson for renomination, and he will, it is predicted, practically get the solid vote of labor in tomorrow's primary.

### MASS MEETING HELD

Sixty-five persons, among whom were about twenty-five women, Saturday night attended the mass meeting at the armory in the interest of the candidacy of Westmoreland Davis for Senator, who is opposing Senator Claude A. Swanson, and heard an address by Mrs. Eudora Ramsay Richardson of Richmond. The speaker was introduced by J. William May. Music was furnished by the Citizens' Band.